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SUBJECT: LUANDA SITUATION - TENSE

REF: A) LUANDA 0543; B) LUANDA 0541; C) LUANDA 0535

1. LUANDA MAY BE ON VERGE OF EXPLOSION WITH VIRTUALLY ENTIRE BLACK POPULATION RESPONDING TO ANONYMOUS BUT ORGANIZED EFFORT AT 3-DAY GENERAL STRIKE TO MOURN VICTIMS OF INTERACIAL CLASHES LAST WEEK. MOBS OF ANGRY BLACKS CONGREGATING AT EDGES OF MUCEQUES BEING HELD IN CHECK BY SECURITY FORCES. DOWNTOWN (NON-BLACK) LUANDA APPEARS NORMAL ON SURFACE. GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED NEW MEASURES TO CORRECT ABUSES OF PAST, INCLUDING DISARMING TAXI DRIVERS. DETAILS FOLLOW.

2. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

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JULY 10 (NIGHT) TAXI DRIVER FOUND MURDERED. AUTHOR UNKNOWN;

MOTIVE NOT ROBBERY. JULY 11 (MORNING), TAXI DRIVERS ON STRIKE, DEMONSTRATE AT PALACE AND HIGH COMMAND FOR PROTECTION. AUTHORITIES FIRST REFUSE WHILE REISSUING PROHIBITION ON USE OF ARMS BY TAXI DRIVERS AGAINST POPULACE. JULY 11 (AFTERNOON) - GOVERNMENT PLEDGES CRASH STUDY TO ADOPT SAFETY MEASURES (SEE LUANDA 0543). JULY 11-12 (NIGHT), ESTIMATED 300 TAXI DRIVERS CONGREGATE AT ENTRANCE CAZENGA BURROUGH, SPARK VIOLENCE WITH BLACK INHABITANTS. RESULT; 6 CONFIRMED DEAD (5 BLACKS); OVER 50 SEVERELY INJURED. JULY 12 (MORNING), BLACK MOB SNATCHES THREE BLACK BODIES FROM HOSPITAL AND PROCEEDS TO PALACE. SECURITY FORCES INTERCEPT CROWD, RECOVER BODIES. SOME DAMAGE TO SHOPS AND VEHICLES REPORTED. JULY 12 (AFTERNOON), GOVERNMENT IMPOSES BAN ON MOST VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 2030 AND 0500 HOURS. JULY 13-14, NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

3. AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY AT LAST HAVE DECIDED TO ACT AGAINST WHITE RACIST ELEMENTS, TAXI DRIVERS AND SMALL SHOPKEEPERS, ARE MAKING ATTEMPT TO COLLECT REGISTERED FIREARMS. (HOW MANY UNREGISTERED WEAPONS THERE ARE IS ANYONE'S GUESS) GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO END WHITE MONOPOLY OF TAXI BUSINESS, AND TO ENCOURAGE BLACK ENTREPRENEURS TO ESTABLISH SHOPS IN MUCEQUES (WHICH NOW PREDOMINANTLY IN HANDS OF PORTUGUESE).

4. NEW DISTURBING ELEMENT INTRODUCED JULY 14, WHEN UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS BEGAN DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS IN MUCEQUES CALLING FOR THREE DAYS GENERAL STRIKE JULY 15-17, TO "MOURN" VICTIMS OF FASCISTS. ARMED FORCES HAVE ISSUED COMMUNIQUE BRANDING THIS AS WORK OF AGITATORS. CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THIS IS WORK OF DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT AND/OR EXTREMIST ELEMENTS IN LIGA NACIONAL AFRICANA, BOTH CONSIDERED MPLA FRONTS.

5. CITY VERY TENSE MORNING JULY 15 WITH BLACKS HEEDING STRIKE CALL. ALMOST NONE TO BE SEEN IN CENTER CITY AND PREDOMINANTLY WHITE RESIDENTIAL AREAS. ANGRY BLACK MOBS CONGREGATING AT EDGE OF MUCEQUES, BEING HELD IN CHECK BY HEAVILY-ARMED SECURITY FORCES.

6. THIS IS FIRST SERIOUS, CITY-WIDE TEST OF LUANDA NERVES, WHICH APPEARED NEAR BREAKING POINT AS OF 0900.
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